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## **Maryland's Parole and Probation Employees Honored July 16-22 During National Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week**

***Special Ceremony on Monday, July 17th  
Will Include DPP Employee Back-to-School Supplies Drive***

TOWSON, MD (July 14, 2006)---Maryland's 1300 employees in the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) will be honored for their hard work during national Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week July 16-22, 2006. DPP supervises more than 55,000 probationers and 9,500 parolees in communities throughout the State, with 46 offices located from Oakland to Ocean City. Though not often recognized by the general public, agents and monitors are committed to improving public safety. Their dedication is appreciated by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and law enforcement agencies statewide.

The DPP employees' recognition activities will begin with a special appreciation ceremony on Monday July 17, 2006 at 11:00 AM at the DPP Office located at 2100 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, MD. The event will include guest speakers and the annual "Back-to-School Supplies" Drive. Employees, guests and participants are urged to bring school supplies.

DPP agents and monitors make communities safer by enforcing the ground rules of community release and by helping offenders to obtain jobs, educational services, life skills and treatment. "I'm extremely proud of the work DPP employees do to improve public safety and to strengthen communities by supporting probationers and parolees through the process of becoming law-abiding, productive and responsible," says Judith Sachwald, Director of the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation.

During the past several years, DPSCS and DPP have worked closely with the community to plan for the total renovation of the 1930's-era structure located at 2100 Guilford Avenue. When plans to relocate the office did not materialize, DPP developed

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a plan to reduce the number of probationers and parolees who report to 2100 Guilford Ave. The renovations include moving the main entrance from Guilford Ave. to Calvert St. Additionally a blighted parking lot will be razed and the entire property will be upgraded.

For several years, DPP employees throughout Baltimore City and the State have collected school supplies for local children. All donated school supplies including books pencils and looseleaf paper will be given to Baltimore City elementary school children. "We strive to be a good neighbor to all of the communities in which we serve and we will continue to do so," says Ronald Wilson, DPP's Regional Administrator for Baltimore City.

DPP will have employees available to the media to participate in "a day in the life" of a DPP agent or monitor. Please contact Elizabeth Bartholomew, DPP Office of Public Information at 410-585-3689 to coordinate an interview and ride-along.

For additional information on the DPP Employee Appreciation Events, please contact Mark Vernarelli, DPSCS at 410-339-5065.

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